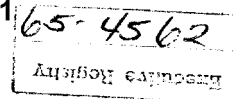


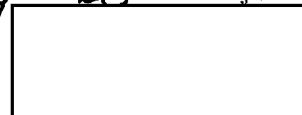
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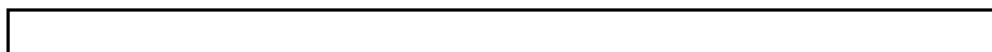
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Relations Between General Ky and Ambassador Lodge

1. During Ambassador Lodge's previous tour in Saigon, General Ky was primarily involved in military affairs and did not have much direct business with Mr. Lodge. Hence, there is no strongly established record of past relations between the two.



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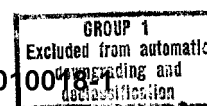
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rumor mills of Saigon, Ambassador Lodge is known as "the man who got rid of Diem" and is therefore considered a friend of the Buddhists -- a reputation which should set well with Ky. It is probable, therefore, that Ky is inclined to look favorably on Lodge's assumption of the Ambassador's post.

2. We believe that neither Ky's trip to Taiwan at the time of Ambassador Lodge's arrival, nor his 7 August remark about not seeking another country's advice before taking any

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action, should be considered as attacks on Lodge personally. Rather, it would appear that the highly nationalistic Ky was making public demonstration of his government's independence, and serving clear notice on the new Ambassador not to treat him as a puppet.

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[redacted] we see no reason why Ky and Ambassador Lodge should have undue difficulty in getting on with each other.



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